

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-17 are currently pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced Office Action, and respectfully traverse the Office Action in its entirety for at least the reasons set forth below.

Priority Claim

Applicant claimed priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/814,164 in the first paragraph of the specification as filed. Applicant also claimed priority to this same parent case in the declaration. Applicant asserts that, as a priority claim was timely made in the application as filed and in the declaration as filed, payment of the \$1370 fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) for filing an unintentionally delayed priority claim is not necessary. Applicant has requested a corrected filing receipt indicating the priority claim.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, 12, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Carney, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully notes that claims 2-4 were canceled in the previous response, and thus the Examiner's arguments with respect to claims 2-4 were previously rendered moot. Carney teaches a device for sensing tampering of a utility meter by detecting positional displacement or loss of power to the meter wherein the device includes a DC power supply which converts AC voltage passing through the meter into DC voltage for use by the device. The DC power supply includes logic and control elements to regulate the output DC voltage, including smoothing the pulsating DC current and further reducing ripple and noise components. Carney fails to teach a remote sensing unit which includes at least one controller, wherein the controller, inter alia, controls power availability to selected devices associated with the remote sensing unit to minimize power used by the remote sensing unit, as recited in Applicants' claim 1. Similarly, Carney fails to teach controlling power available to selected remote sensing unit components to minimize power utilized by the remote sensing unit, as recited in Applicants' claim 16. Thus, Carney clearly fails to anticipate independent claims 1 and 16 of the present application. Furthermore, claims 6-9, 11, and 12 depend from claim 1, and claim 17 depends from claim 16. Because these dependent claims inherently contain the limitations recited in the claims from which they depend, these dependent claims are inherently not anticipated

by Carney. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6-9, 11, 12, 16, and 17 is therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

With regard to the rejection of claims 10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carney in view of Gaukel, this rejection is respectfully traversed. As noted above, Carney teaches a device for sensing tampering of a utility meter by detecting positional displacement or loss of power to the meter wherein the device includes a DC power supply which converts AC voltage passing through the meter into DC voltage for use by the device. Gaukel discloses a method for continuous electronic monitoring and tracking of persons. Carney and Gaukel fail to teach or suggest a remote sensing unit which includes a controller that controls power available to selected remote sensing unit components, thereby minimizing the power utilized by the remote sensing unit. Thus, Carney and Gaukel, alone or in combination, fail to render obvious claims 10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

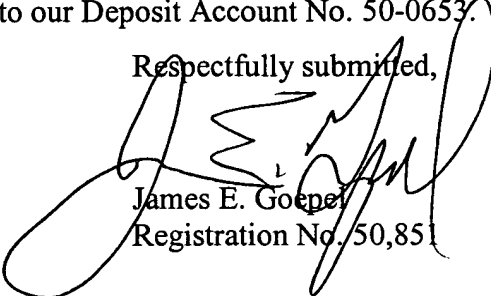
CONCLUSION

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action, it is submitted that Claims 1 and 5-17 are in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more claims in the above-referenced application, he is courteously requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

You are hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency or overpayment associated with the filing of this response to our Deposit Account No. 50-0653.

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